

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 24, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 62

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

December 5, 2002

An act to add Section 5101.10 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 62, as amended, Bermudez. License plates: Martin Luther King, Jr.; Cesar Chavez.

Existing law authorizes persons to obtain from the Department of Motor Vehicles environmental license plates, in lieu of regular license plates, upon making application for an original or renewal registration of certain vehicles and the payment of a fee.

This bill would allow a person to apply for a special set of commemorative, reflectorized license plates jointly honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, and would require the department to issue those special license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The bill would require those license plates to be of a distinctive design, containing both the names “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Cesar Chavez,” and be available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.

The bill would establish special license plate fees to be paid in addition to regular fees, in order to obtain, renew, replace, or transfer the special license plates described above.

The bill would require the revenues derived from the additional special fees, less the cost incurred by the department in administering

this special license plate program, and upon appropriation, to be made available to the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges for the purpose of funding community college districts in establishing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5101.10 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:

3 5101.10. (a) Any person described in Section 5101 may
4 apply for a set of commemorative reflectorized license plates
5 jointly honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Cesar Chavez, and the
6 department shall issue those special license plates in lieu of regular
7 license plates.

8 (b) The commemorative reflectorized license plates described
9 in subdivision (a) shall be of a distinctive design, contain both the
10 names “Martin Luther King, Jr.” and “Cesar Chavez,” and be
11 available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as
12 determined by the department.

13 (c) *In addition to the regular fees for an original registration,*
14 *a renewal of registration, or a transfer of registration, the*
15 *following special license plate fees shall be paid:*

16 (1) *A fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for the initial issuance of*
17 *the special license plates. These special license plates shall be*
18 *permanent and may not be required to be replaced.*

19 (2) *A fee of twenty dollars (\$20) for each renewal of*
20 *registration that includes the continued display of the special*
21 *license plates.*

22 (3) *If the special license plates become damaged or*
23 *unserviceable, a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for the replacement*
24 *of the special license plates, obtained from the department upon*
25 *proper application therefor.*

26 (4) *A fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for the transfer of the special*
27 *license plates to another vehicle.*

28 (5) *In addition, for the issuance of environmental license*
29 *plates, as defined in Section 5103, with the special vehicle license*
30 *plates and distinctive design, the additional fees prescribed in*
31 *Sections 5106 and 5108. The additional fees collected pursuant to*

1 *this paragraph shall be deposited in the California Environmental*
2 *License Plate Fund.*

3 *(d) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (c), the*
4 *revenues derived from the additional special fees provided under*
5 *subdivision (c), less the cost incurred by the department in*
6 *administering this section, shall, upon appropriation, be made*
7 *available to the Board of Governors of the California Community*
8 *Colleges for the purpose of funding community college districts in*
9 *establishing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services as set*
10 *forth in Article 8 (commencing with Section 69640) of Chapter 2*
11 *of Part 42 of the Education Code.*

